

House Resolution No. 556

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Shirley Jean Thomas, an esteemed resident of Cooter, Missouri, will officially retire from the Cooter R-IV School District on June 30, 2005, after a successful career that has spanned an incredible twenty-four years; and

Whereas, Shirley Thomas has played an integral role in the educational development of several Missouri youngsters as a second grade teacher with the Cooter R-IV School District, prior to which time she served as a sixth grade teacher; and

Whereas, during her long and impressive tenure, Shirley Thomas has had the distinct pleasure of teaching each of her four children and watching as many of her students have gone on to become educators themselves; and

Whereas, a devout member of the Steele Church of Christ, Shirley Thomas has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Ronnie Thomas; her four children, Sheri Harris, Karen Ellis, Greg Razer, and Joey Thomas; her three grandchildren, Sarah, Clay, and Addie; and her parents, Geraldine and the late O.G. Hitchens:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Shirley Thomas for her twenty-four years of unparalleled service to the Cooter R-IV School District, and in wishing her the long, enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Shirley Jean Thomas.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 556, adopted February 16, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker